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United States Presents "American Shelf" to the Nunavut Arctic College

Ambassador David H. Wilkins and Consul General Abigail Friedman of the U.S. Consulate General in Quebec presented an "American Shelf" to the Nunavut Arctic College on October 21 on behalf of the people of the United States. The American Shelf collection of books and DVDs offers readers, students, faculty, and the public information about the United States, its government, economy, education, society and culture.

As an Arctic nation, the United States of America values its relations with the people of Nunavut and seeks to nourish cooperation on common economic, security and environmental objectives. In March 2005, the United States Mission launched a Virtual Consulate to promote interaction between the people of Nunavut and the United States through visits, teleconferences, and online dialogue. The American Shelf at the Nunavut Arctic College builds on that interaction.

Arctic College President Mac Clendenning said, "Nunavut Arctic College is pleased to be a recipient of the American Shelf Program. As a result of this donation NAC will have 250-300 new books and DVDs to add to our library collection. I am confident that staff and students will find these new materials very useful to support learning and research projects."

The collection, which is available to users both within and outside the College, features the following: reference works on current issues, education, the environment, business, journalism, HIV/AIDs, English language teaching; fiction and non-fiction for young adults; childrens' literature; selected historical and biographical works; public policy and political studies works; DVD documentaries on U.S. cities, writers, art, music, space program and history; and DVD players and shelving.

For information on the U.S. Virtual Presence Post in Nunavut, see www.nunavut.usvpp.gov

For information on the U.S. Virtual Presence Posts, see www.canadanorth.usvpp.gov

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